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Game Day Plan Due in April

Advance copies of the new Ballpark's plan for traffic and parking on days starting in 2008 when the Washington Nationals will play at the So. Capitol St. SE facility will undergo discussion and change before being final in April, 2007.

On a week day night (7 pm) sellout there will be 41,000 tickets sold with 37,750 people attending. 15,700 will come by transit through the Navy Yard station on the green line, with 3,900 using other stations, mostly Capitol South in SE on the orange and blue lines.

Estimates are that 750 will come on 20-30 charter buses, 4000 will come by taxi, 3,100 will walk, 300 by bicycles and 13,600 people will come in 4,700 autos.

Similar estimates are being made for weekday games at 1:05 pm, Sat. at 7:05 and Sun. at 1:05 pm.

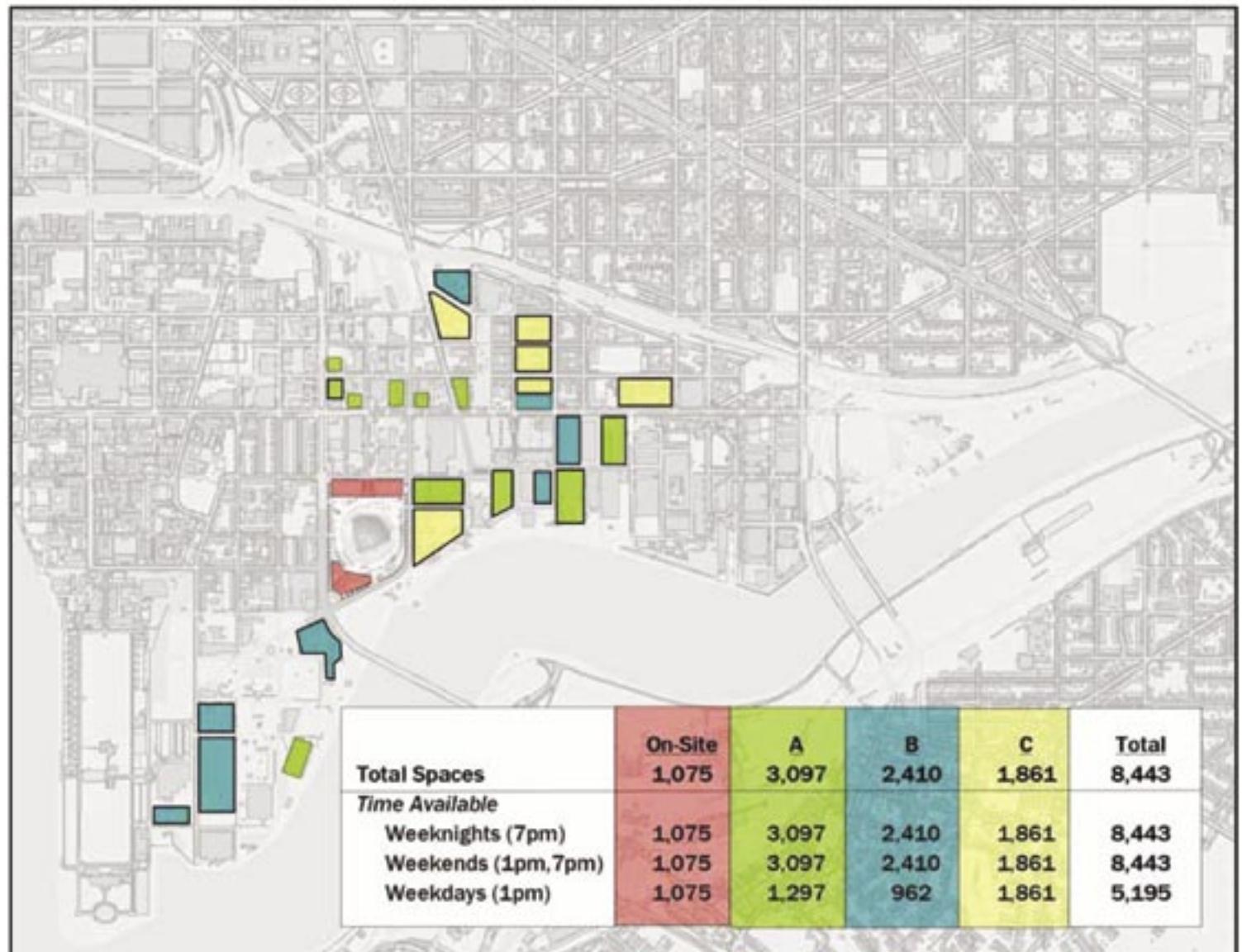
Estimates are partly based on the experience at RFK Stadium and other Ballparks, such as SBC Park in San Francisco.

A few streets in SE will have to be closed to cars to allow crowds to walk to the Navy Yard station. Parking on lots to be built in the Potomac Ave. SW area will be a problem because of the lack of sidewalks.

The DC Sports and Recreation Commission will be represented at the Nov. 27 public meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly at St. Augustine Episcopal Church, 6th and M St. SW at 7:30 pm.

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Drawing showing possible off-site parking areas team owners may contract for fan use on baseball game days starting in the year 2008. Ballpark needs 5,000 parking places. These sites total more than 8,000. "A" sites are most desirable. "B" next, etc. (Source: p. 5 of Ballpark TOPP Taskforce Summary of Recommendations)

Waterfront Timeline, Baseball “Game Day Plan” at SWNA November 27

A twelve year schedule of demolition and construction between Maine Ave. SW and the Washington Channel of the Potomac River will be explained by the Anacostia Waterfront Corporation at the monthly public meeting of the Southwest Waterfront Timeline, Neighborhood Assembly, Mon. Nov. 27 at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 6th and M St. SW at 7:30 pm.

Attending will be Skip McKoy, David Howard, Nina Albert and possibly someone from the Hoffman/Streuever developer team.

The Baseball Stadium's traffic plan on game days will also be explained by Tony Robinson, Director of Public Affairs for the DC Sports Commission.

Two dozen Southwest volunteers who received Disaster Planning training will be recognized.

ANC Commissioner Assalaam Loses, Others Reelected

Of the three commissioners of SW/SE ANC6D facing opposition on the ballot on Nov. 7, two were reelected and one defeated.

Commissioner Mary C. Williams defeated Ron McBee 134 to 124, and Commissioner Bob Siegel defeated Calvin T. McDaniel 57 to 24.

In the Syphax neighborhood on and near P St. SW, Commissioner Ahmed Assalaam was defeated by Rhonda Natalie Hamilton 157 to 101.

Elected without ballot opposition were Commissioners Max S. Skolnik with 482 votes, David Sobelsohn with 296 votes, Andy Litsky, with 407 votes, and Roger Moffatt with 457 votes.



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Southwest Community Calendar November 23 - December 25, 2006

THURS. NOV. 23 Thanksgiving Holiday

FRI. NOV. 24 Public School Holiday

MON. NOV. 27 SWNA Public Meeting, St. A's Church, 6th & M SW, 7:30 pm

SAT. DEC. 9 Parade of Lighted Boats on SW Channel, 7 pm

WED. DEC. 13 AARP Holiday Gala, Pier 7, 7th & Water St. SW, 11:30 am

SAT. DEC. 16 Hanukkah

MON. DEC. 25 Christmas Day

MON. DEC. 25 - Fri. Jan. 5 Winter holiday in DC public schools

WEEKLY, BI-WEEKLY

KOMEN TOASTMASTERS - First & Third Sat., S.W. Library, 10 am.

FIL-AM TOASTMASTERS - Second & Fourth Wed., S.W. Library, 6:15 pm.

SCHOOL ST. TOASTMASTERS - Every Tues., 400 Virginia Ave. S.W., Room 488 - noon.

WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTORS Club - First & Third Wed., Christ United Methodist

Church, 300 block of I (Eye) St. S.W., 7 pm 202-291-6229.

S.W. KIWANIS - First & Third Mon., Christ United Methodist Church, 4th & I St. S.W., 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

NEW SOUTHWEST TOASTMASTERS - Every Wed. GSA Bldg - 7th & D St. S.W., Room 5009 (inside cafeteria), noon.

LABYRINTH WALK - First & Third Wed., Westminster Church, 4th & I St., SW, 7 pm.

Please submit calendar items for the next issue by Wednesday, December 6.

AARP Holiday Gala at Channel Inn

The Captain's Room at Pier 7 Restaurant will be the scene of the annual holiday Gala of the local chapter of AARP at 11:30 am Wed., Dec. 13.

With a cash bar, the event will cost \$35 with 3 hours of free parking.

Deadline for ordering tickets is Dec. 4 by calling a number of the group's officers including co-chairs of the Hostess committee Alberta White 202-554-5503 and Natalie Desmond 202-554-5365.

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Foreign Policy Group in SW Has Vacancies

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Topics & Proposed Dates for 2007: Jan 24 "Middle East," Feb 28 "Climate Change," Mar 21, "Mexico," Apr 25, "Migration," May 23, "South Africa," June 27, "War Crimes," July 25, "Central Asia," Aug 25 "Children"

The group meets at 389 O Street, SW, (a River Park townhouse near 4th & O) 7-9 p.m. these Wed. nights.

To get more information or to sign up, contact: Coralie Farlee, 554-4407 cfarlee@mindspring.com.

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Ad deadline Wednesday, December 6

The voting patterns citywide and in Ward 6 were reflected in the three Southwest voting precincts - 127, 128, 142.

In major city-wide races Mayor-elect Adrian Fenty, Council Chair-Elect Vincent Gray, At-Large Council Members-Elect David Catania and Phil Mendelson, and Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton carried the three Southwest precincts easily. In the citywide non-partisan school board race Robert Bobb was elected and also carried the three SW precincts.

In the Ward 6 Council Race Councilman-elect Tommy Wells carried the three SW precincts and School Board Member-elect Lisa Raymond was the biggest vote-getter in SW for that nonpartisan seat.

Turnout in the general election was 28.5% of the registered voters citywide, and in SW's three precincts 32.4% in Precinct 127, 28.3% in Precinct 128 and 43.5% in Precinct 142.

Christmas Walking Tour Sat. December 9, 2 PM

The nation's capital offers a festive array of annual events. Come along on this holiday walking tour and hear about Christmas at the White House, carols and pageants at the "Church of the Presidents," and why Washington's earliest residents never put up a Christmas tree. Get some gift buying done at the Decatur House Museum Shop (you can purchase the official White House Christmas ornament there) as well as at the Smithsonian's Renwick Gallery of Arts and Crafts. We'll also stop at the Daughters of the American Revolution Museum to view antique-filled period rooms decorated for the season. The walk will conclude at the White House Christmas tree, where you can also see over 50 individually-decorated trees dedicated to each U.S. state and territory or warm yourself by the blazing Yule log.

Participants should meet the guide outside the McPherson Square Metrorail Station [White House exit]. The walk lasts three hours and will be given rain or shine. No reservations are required. Cost is \$15; age three and younger free. Information: 202-484-1565 or info@washingtowalks.com



Developers Negotiate Community Benefits

By Max Skolnik, ANC Commissioner

Waterside Development: ANC6D reported on its recent participation in a community meeting with the developers of the Waterside site. Important resolutions included:

- Increased retail space (minimum of 110,000 sq. ft./maximum 160,000 sq. ft.). The previous minimum was 75,000 square ft.
- Issues around the value of the land remained unresolved.
- Barring government delays, the developers pledged to complete the first phase of the project within 3 years.
- The developers pledged to work with PSA 104 and the MPD to ensure public safety during construction.
- The developers pledged to identify community meeting space.
- The developers will continue to work on their LEED status.
- The developers pledged to discuss possible community programs for local residents.
- The community representatives urged the developers to guarantee the permanent presence of a supermarket. This issue remained unresolved.
- All parties agreed to continue the discussions.

[Ed. Note: A final vote by NCRC on Nov. 21 may include removal of the objectionable language about a grocery store from the PUD].

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thanks from Friends of the Southwest Library

Thanks to the community for making our fall book sale such a success. We made \$1,305, and made many new friends and raised awareness of the library as a community resource. The sale proceeds will fund a library Open House in the new year, several programs for Afro-American History Month in February, and some long-overdue toys and equipment for our

growing pre-Kindergarten population. Also our next sale is scheduled for May 19, 2007, and we welcome donations of books, tapes, videos, DVDs, CDs, all year long. People can just bring them to the Circulation Desk at the library, at 902 Wesley Place (3rd and K Sts. SW). Thanks so much for your continuing support.

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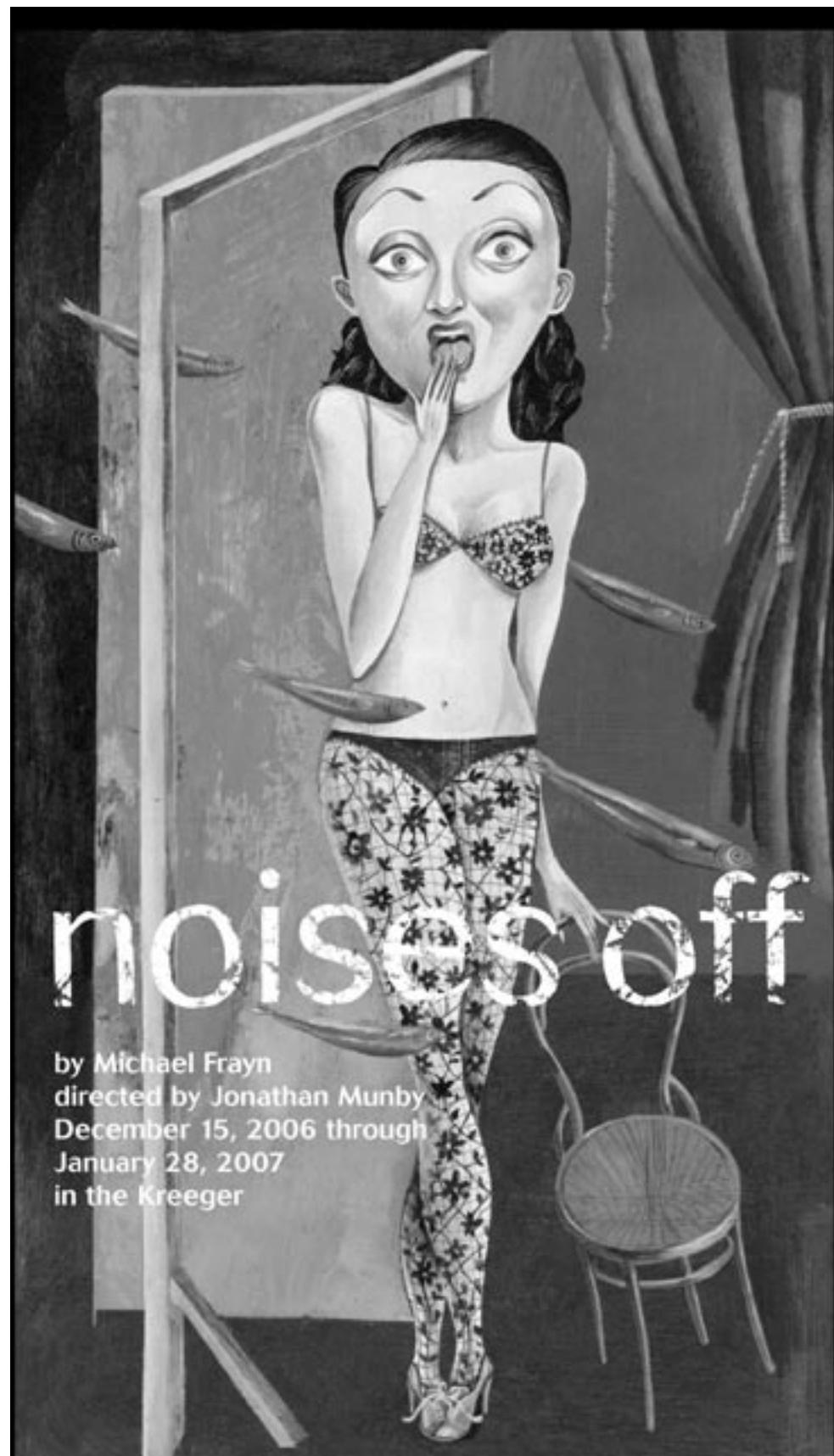
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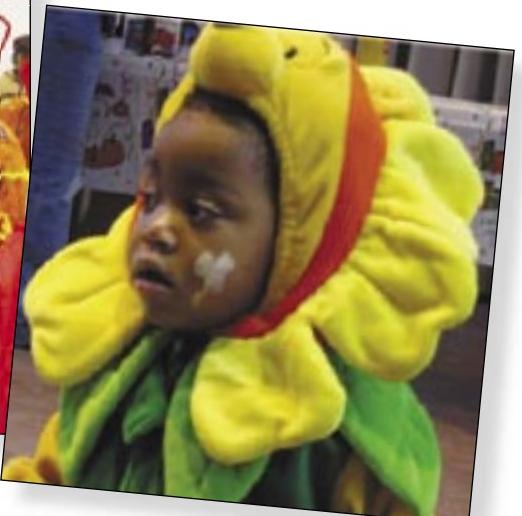
From the brilliant Michael Frayn (*Copenhagen*, *Democracy!*) comes this riotous comedy of backstage politics and onstage pandemonium. As a third-rate theater troupe tours the third-rate farce *Nothing On*, the actors create a first-rate farce of their own — forgetting lines, dropping trousers and losing countless plates of sardines. Behind the scenes, love triangle and ruined affairs add fury and revenge to the mayhem under the lights, leading to pratfalls, flying props and more than one bloody nose. In the end, at the frenetic final performance, the two farces merge into one perfectly ravaged and wholly uproarious theatrical nervous breakdown. The sparkling cast includes Arena Stage favorite Bob Prosky.

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Pumpkin Party at Westminster Presbyterian Church



What do you have when you take a room filled with children, then add 70 pumpkins and several dozen background in dress making, pattern scarecrows? It must be the annual Pumpkin Party for the Southwest community. On Saturday, Oct. 28, more than 85 neighbors of all ages celebrated Halloween at West-

minster Presbyterian Church.

Participants from Westminster were joined by members of St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church in hosting this event. Volunteers helped attendees carve, paint, and decorate their pumpkins. Other helpers cooked and served a tasty lunch. After all the fun, every pumpkin and scare-

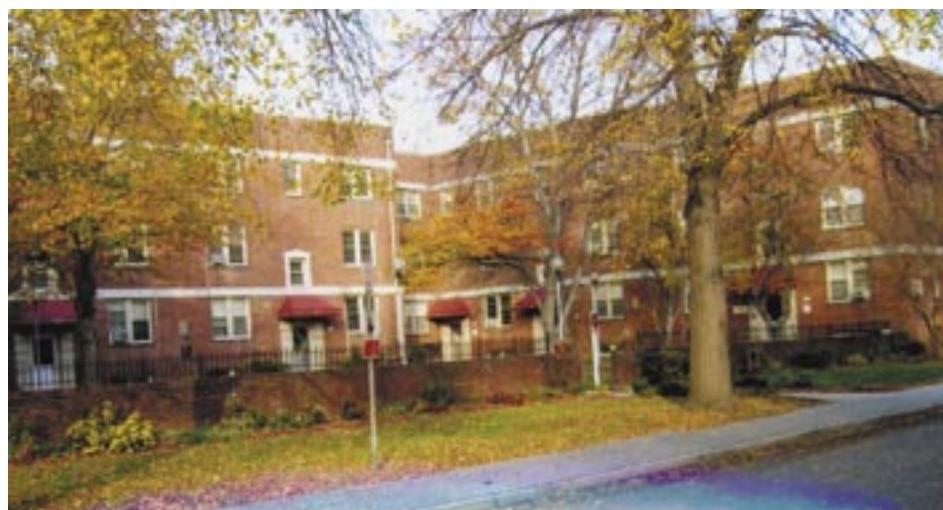
crow had found a new home.

Special thanks go again this year to Steve McGehee, Safeway Produce Manager. He negotiated a substantial discount for the pumpkins so that we had plenty for everyone. We appreciate Safeway's continued commitment and cooperation in supporting community events.

Westminster looks forward to seeing our neighbors again on Saturday, December 9, for a free Wreath Making Party. Join us at 400 I Street, SW from 1 to 3 PM. We will also have sweaters and coats on sale for 10¢ to 25¢. To donate warm clothing, please leave a message at 410 212-4360.

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Halloween at 301 G St. SW

These are some Halloween pictures of the children of Capitol Park Towers. They had a FaBOOlous time!

Police Party a Success

(ANC Commissioner Mary Williams note to First District Police Commander)

The Halloween party at First District was a tremendous success by all accounts. The officers outdid themselves and the community really turned out, particularly from PSA 104. It seems that the First District was the prime place to be, rivaling the King Greenleaf Rec Center.

Much kudos to those who helped make it a success. I know that Irv Gamza and Officer Boone worked hard on keeping up with the children. Now I know what

the schools go through each day. It's a mad house sometimes, and there was the normal pushing and shoving to get into the haunted house. Eventually, the officers brought them under control. But it is this sort of exposure that teaches the children how to behave in public.

There were hundreds of trick-or treaters on this night, up from in past years. The increasing number is a sign that residents are feeling safe enough to tread out doors. I had about 50 kids and parents knock on my door [on Carrollburg Place] for candy.

Naomi Monk Honored

Southwest activist Naomi Monk has been selected as the March 2006 Mayor's Community Service Award finalist. She was awarded a plaque at the Mayor's Community Service Awards Banquet on November 16.

SW Tree a Champion

by Grace Daughtridge and Ron McBee

Casey Trees announced on November 2nd the results of its Living Legacy Campaign to identify and catalog the city's largest trees by species. The Zelkova serrata located on G Street and 6th Place SW is the largest Zelkova in the District and 11th largest over all. The rating is based on a point system used by the National Register of Big Trees, which takes into consideration the tree's circumference, height, and crown spread of its limbs. The giant Zelkova, a Japanese tree, at 64 feet tall, 216 inches round and with a canopy spread of 74 feet registered a record breaking 299 points.

The great Zelkova is a part of SW's history. Joseph Curtis noted SWer and whose photographs reside at the Washingtoniana Room at the MLK Library, took a picture of this wonderful tree in the 40s prior to the redevelopment of SW with a note indicating the tree was over 200 years old then. Although a city tree, it resides in front of Grace Daughtridge's home and she has been able to find out that the city saved the tree during the urban renewal in 1960 expressly because of its rarity. The city redirected all utilities away from the tree's root system and the side walk was especially constructed to protect and encompass the root system. Grace indicated it is rumored Lady Bird Johnson was involved to help save the tree. Folklore has it that the tree was brought to

SW from the orient by Admiral Perry but Grace has not been able to confirm it.

Grace, who is now a volunteer Citizen Forester for Casey Trees, is working on preserving and maintaining our city's trees. Casey Trees will expand and include more species to the legacy list added Grace. This all started with water in my English basement and a condo association who wanted to cut down the gigantic Zelkova as a solution to the water problem. Grace found out that tree roots do not break water or sanitary pipelines and saved the tree. Grace indicated saving Southwest's only living historical artifact has been quite an adventure and gratifying that I could do this for our community.



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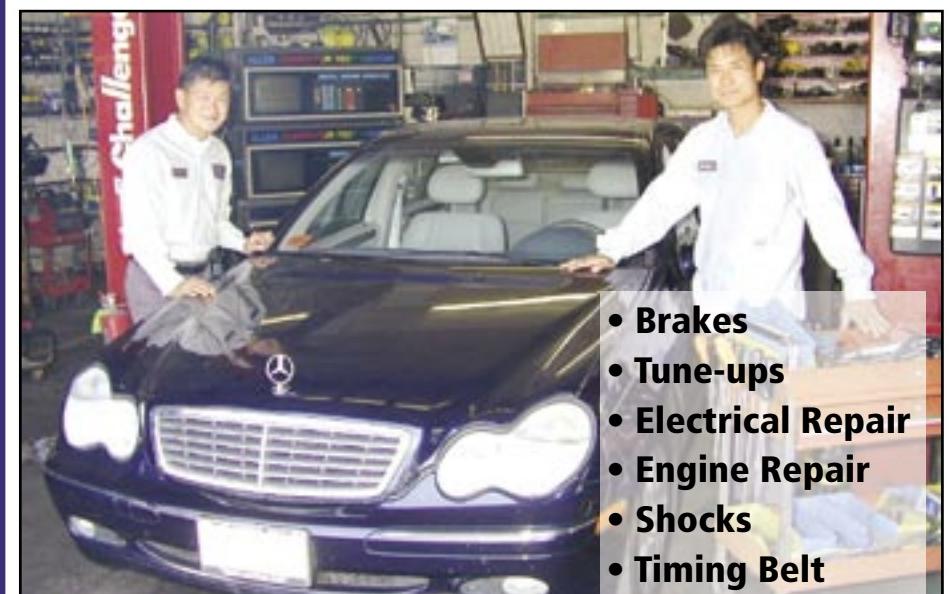
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Students Interview Astronauts

On Nov. 14, in honor of International Education Week, the U.S. Department of Education hosted high school students from McKinley Technology H.S. in DC, Washington-Lee in Arlington and Walt Whitman in Bethesda, at the Department's headquarters in Southwest Washington.

The students were able to ask questions of the astronauts aboard the International Space Station by means of a satellite hookup. Washington Cable provided the satellite downlink so the students could see and hear the astronauts live.

Jefferson Jr. PTA Seeks Community Help

By Ahmad Nurriddin, PTA Pres.

Jefferson is embarking on a campaign entitled the "Pride is BACK". As a component of the "Pride is Back" campaign the school's Parent Teacher Association (PTA) seeks community sponsors for a number of projects and activities.

Three examples of Jefferson needs are: (a) the Science Department, which has traditionally produced several 1st Place Winners in the City Wide Science Fair needs temporary laboratory space adjacent to the school; (b) because Jefferson is slated to become a middle school program with the next

school year, students in both the 8th and 9th grades will graduate, therefore end-of-the year activities will require twice the normal amount of support; and (c) the PTA needs funding to provide materials, equipment, and furnishings for the Parent Resource Center.

Any person or organization wishing to support the "Pride is Back" campaign may make a tax-deductible contribution to the Jefferson PTA, 801 - 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024. Donors may identify a specific project for support or make a general fund contribution.

For additional information on how you can assist the PTA and the "Pride is Back" campaign, contact Jefferson JHS PTA President Ahmad Nurriddin on 488-0739 (email - anurriddin@yahoo.com), 1st Vice President Lanette Mauney on 526-4973 (email - DWM1016@aol.com) or Jefferson JHS at 724-4881.

Future of SW Schools on Web

The public school Master Plan as it affects Amidon and Bowen Elementary Schools and Jefferson Jr. High in Southwest can be seen on the school system's

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will give you a page with a list on the left. Click on Master Facilities Plan.

After a long wait you will get a table of contents, the last item of which is Sec. G Summary of Recommendations. Click on that. And scroll down to page G17 Amidon, G 18 Jefferson Jr. G 19 and G 20 more Amidon including that Bowen students will stay in the Amidon building while Bowen is renovated and Amidon students will be transferring to Jefferson after Jefferson is renovated.

On p. G92 you will learn about proposed new high school boundaries, which put all of near Southwest in Eastern High School's area.

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Church, Housing Plans of St. Matthew



Demolition of St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church at 3rd and M St. SW could start next year, according to the schedule outlined by Reverend Phillip Huber.

Reverend Phillip Huber explained St. Matthew Church's plans for new construction.

The layout of the church and housing on the present site show the church in the 3rd and M St. corner, with condo apartments next to the Carrollburg condos and the Delaware Avenue side. A community Center and café will be along Delaware Ave. SW.

Westminster Church

Saturday, Dec. 9: Westminster Presbyterian Church will host a free Wreath Making Party from 1 to 3 PM at 400 I Street, SW, across from Amidon Elementary. Come make a hanging wreath or table decoration to brighten up the house.

Saturday, Dec. 9: Westminster Presbyterian Church will hold a Sweater and Coat Sale. All items are 10 to 25 cents from 1 to 3 PM at 400 I Street, SW, across from Amidon Elementary. (To donate warm clothing, please leave a message at 410 212-4360.)

St. A's & St. Matthew's 6th & M St. SW

Christmas Eve Services, Sunday, December 24:

- 8:30 am: Rite I Eucharist without music
- 10:00 am: Traditional Eucharist with music
- 11:30 am: Contemporary Eucharist with sing and rejoice music
- 7:30 pm: Christmas Eve Eucharist
- NO Christmas Day Service

Master Weaver Featured at December 6 Art in the Spirit Monthly Program

by Elaine Graves

Barbara Peirce, a master weaver for nearly 30 years and a southwest resident, will be the featured artist at the monthly series, Art in the Spirit, on Wednesday, December 6, beginning with a potluck at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 600 M Street, SW. The fifth in a series of Art in the Spirit programs invites community members to experience what it means to be human, to be alive and to be co-creators with God's divine spirit.

Barbara's talents as a fiber artist extend to the inspiring circular woven tapestry behind St. Augustine's altar, which she explains, "suggests water, as the spirit of God, touching each of the continents of the earth." She also wove several vestments and liturgical stoles and banners for St. Augustine's where she is one of the original parish families. Her unique creations of sweaters, jackets, pillows, stoles, and scarves reflect her extensive design and weaving.

The program begins with a 6:30 p.m. community potluck dinner, followed at 7:15 p.m. by the Art in the Spirit program and discussion. A short Evening Prayer service will begin at 8:15 p.m.

The evening is designed to showcase local artists particularly as they express, through their various mediums, the fundamental joy of creating in the Spirit, according to Annie King Phillips, creator of Art in the Spirit.

Annie King Phillips, an artist and St. Augustine's parishioner, originally conceived the Art in the Spirit series in June 2004 when she explained the spiritual inspirations of her paper collage creations and conducted a collage workshop. Ms. Phillips is emcee for the current series.

Facilitators for Art in the Spirit include Janet Eberhardt and Pastor Phillip Huber.

For further information, contact St. Augustine's at 202-554-3222.

"Cooking Without a Stove" Cancelled

by Jean Macdonald, Chair, YATF

Southwest's Youth Activities Task Force, with the help of some generous friends, delivered a free Kenmore electric stove and vent to the King Greenleaf Recreation Center recently.

"Cooking Without a Stove" was Rec Center Director Joyce Carey's newest offering to her young clients. A microwave is better than nothing - but hardly the best way to learn nutrition and cooking.

The Rec Center needed a stove and YATF's Leonora Moragne found a good one offered on Craig's List - in Kensington. The stove owners, Marti and Katie Sarber, were willing to donate it to us. To pick up and deliver this great free stove required a truck and two muscle men to lift it. Lonnie Murray agreed to drive his truck, (and give up his Saturday morning), Ms. Carey found a friend, Joe, for one "muscle" and Jean Macdonald asked the grandson of old friends, David Crane,

to be the other.

So, on Saturday, October 21, about noon, the stove was carried into the Rec Center, where it awaited hooking up. Soon, there will be classes on nutrition and cooking at King Greenleaf—but this time it will be "Cooking With a Stove."



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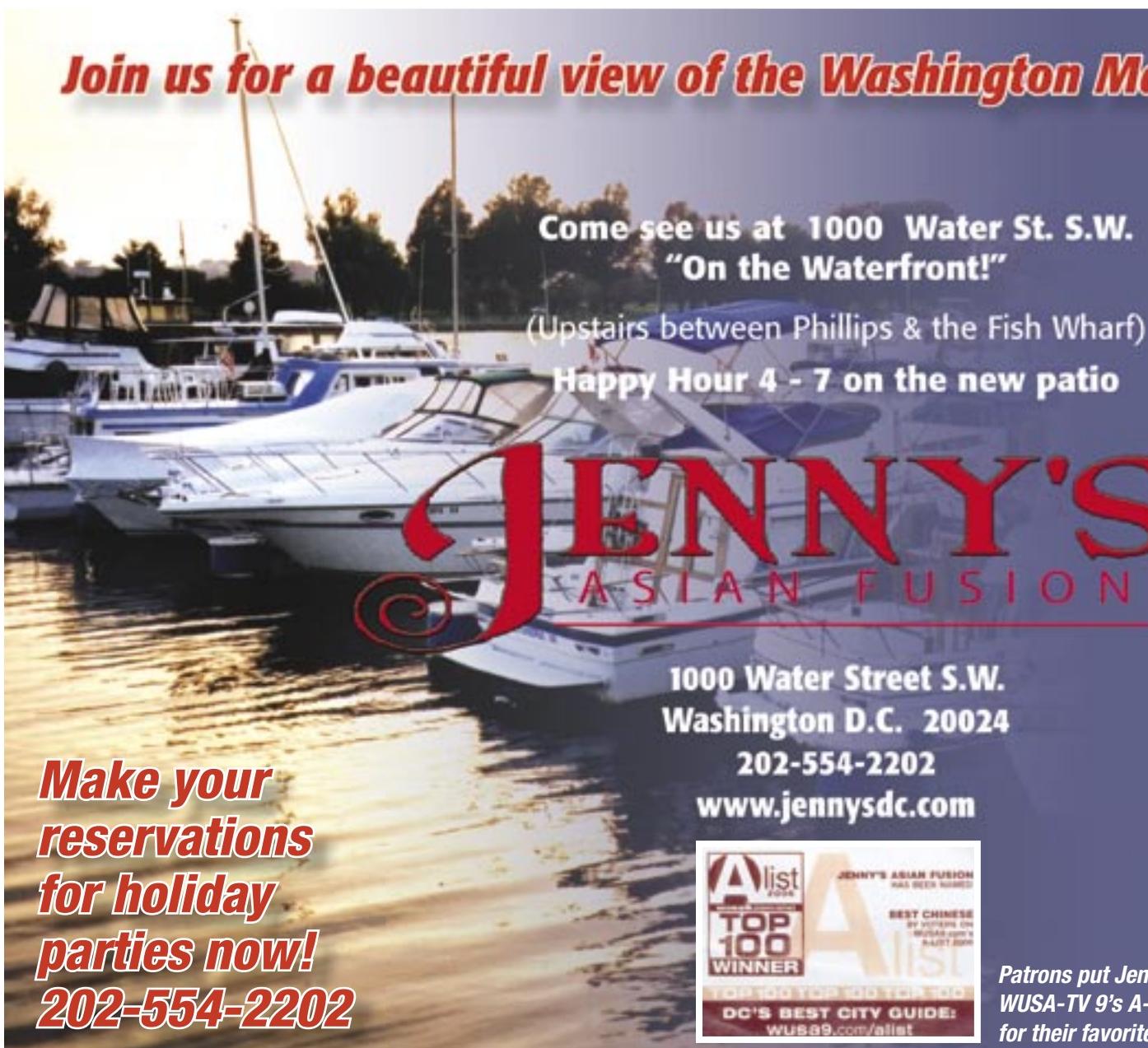
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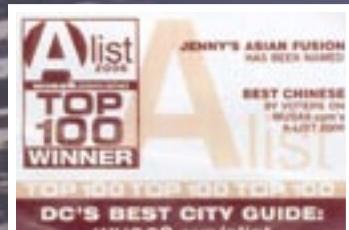
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